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## Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2003 regarding the abovereferenced patent application, of which this Response is timely filed within the shortened three month statutory period for Response.

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